

KINGSTON JAMAICA IN RUINS

Beautiful Capital of West Indian British Colony Devastated by an Earthquake.

FIRES FROM WRECKED BUILDINGS STILL BURNING

Cable Communication from the City Is Cut Off and No Details Can Be Secured.

SHOCK OCCURS LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON

Hundred Thought to Be Dead and Several Hundred Injured—Hospitals Are Filled—Prominent Britons There.

Kingston, the picturesque capital of Jamaica, has been devastated by a violent earthquake. Details of the disaster are lacking, as direct communication with the stricken city has been cut off. Land lines had been reconstructed to within five miles of Kingston Tuesday evening and in the meager reports received through such channels as are open it has been learned that many of the most important buildings have been destroyed and there has been serious loss of life.

So far as reports indicate the fatalities number less than one hundred, although the hospitals are filled with injured and the list of victims may be materially increased.

Kingston and other points of interest on the island are at this season thronged with tourists from America and England and the greatest apprehension is felt for the safety of many people who recently arrived at Jamaica.

PROMINENT ENGLISHMEN THERE

Most distinguished of those were the members of the party of English statesmen, agricultural experts and men of affairs who, under the leadership of Sir Alfred Jones, arrived at Kingston with the past few days to attend the agricultural conference there. Among those in the company were Hall Caine, the novelist; Viscount Montagu, S. O. Arnold-Forster, M. P.; Sir Thomas Hughes, Sir Thomas Shann and others equally prominent.

The first great shock was felt about 3:30 Monday afternoon and flames immediately sprang from the wreckage to carry on the work of destruction. Tuesday afternoon the fire was still burning, though it is believed to be under control.

The Myrtle Bank hotel, the principal hotel of Kingston, which probably sheltered the great bulk of visitors on the island, is reported destroyed.

The great military hospital was burned and forty soldiers are reported dead.

Sir James Fergusson is said to have been instantly killed but according to London reports no other Englishman, Canadian or American are believed to be missing.

CAN ONLY IMAGINE LOSS

The extent of the destruction which has been wrought in Kingston, the city which already bears the scars of numerous disastrous visitations, fires, earthquake and cyclone in years gone by, is still left largely to imagination.

The city is one of low lying buildings clustered along the shores of one of the finest and most securely land-locked harbors in the West Indies. The population numbered 50,000, largely made up of native blacks.

Many steamers carrying tourists to Jamaica were enroute to the island when the earthquake occurred, but it is so happened according to the schedules that none of the ships from New York or Boston were in Kingston harbor on Monday afternoon.

AMERICAN COMPANIES GET THE FIRST NEWS

BOSTON, January 15.—Allen I. Ainsley of the firm of Ainsley & Grabow,

proprietors of the Titchfield hotel at Port Antonio, received a cable dispatch tonight from his partner, Edward Grabow, at Port Antonio, stating that Kingston was shaken by an earthquake yesterday afternoon and that fire is now raging there. The dispatch added that the earthquake did no damage to the north side of the island, where the Titchfield hotel is situated.

The officials of the United Fruit companies received a cablegram from the company's representative at Port Antonio tonight stating that an earthquake occurred at Kingston on Monday and that part of the city is on fire. No mention was made of the loss of life.

The cablegram was sent from the cable station at Holland bay, which is located in the swampy section of the island, some miles from Port Antonio. From the tone of the cablegram, officials of the company in this city say they are of the opinion that reports of the calamity have been exaggerated.

LONDON HEARS NEWS: NO AMERICANS MISSING

LONDON, January 15.—The colonial office tonight received confirmation of the terrible disaster which has overtaken Kingston, Jamaica, in a dispatch from Sir Amar Greenwood, M. P., sent from Holland bay at the east end of the island. The telegram says:

"Kingston has been ruined by an earthquake which occurred without warning Monday afternoon at half past three. A very great number of buildings and dwellings were destroyed either by the shock or consequent fire."

SOLDIERS DIE IN HOSPITAL

"The military hospital was burned and forty soldiers reported to have been killed, together with several prominent citizens and many other inhabitants of the city. Sir James Fergusson is reported to have been killed instantly. No other Englishmen, Canadians or Americans are missing."

"The city is quiet, but discipline and workers are needed. The governor of the colony, Sir Alexander Sweetenham, assisted by Sir Alfred Jones, is directing affairs."

MANY TOURISTS THERE

Up to this hour the foregoing is the most correct dispatch regarding the Kingston disaster that has been received here. The absence of details is accounted for by the breakdown in cable communication, but the announcement that no Englishmen, Canadians or Americans are missing will greatly assure the public concerning the fate of an unusual number of tourists and others who are spending the winter in Jamaica or are attracted there by the agricultural and cotton conference.

The party on board the Port Kingston only arrived at Kingston on Friday last. The Port Kingston, in addition to members of Sir Alfred Jones' party, had other guests on board which gave her a total passenger list of more than one hundred persons.

NOT KNOWN IN ENGLAND

News of the disaster reached London too late tonight to become generally known to the public, but it is certain to cause widespread consternation and anxiety and will bring home to the imagination of the people the terrors of earthquakes in a way that even the San Francisco catastrophe failed to do.

Owing to the active efforts in recent years of Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Jones, the commercial development of Jamaica has made the island much better known and it has been greatly in favor as a winter resort.

ADMIRAL EVANS TO INVESTIGATE DISASTER

WASHINGTON, January 15.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf today sent a cablegram to Rear Admiral R. D. Evans in the command of the United States fleet off Guantanamo, Cuba, requesting him to investigate the extent of the earthquake disaster in Jamaica and report to the department. Admiral Evans is authorized if necessary to proceed to Kingston, a twelve hours' trip.

FIRE MAY BE UNDER CONTROL LAST NIGHT

ST. THOMAS, D. W., January 15.—According to the Kingston earthquake received here it would appear that the first reports are exaggerated. The fire that followed the shock is still burning Tuesday morning, although it has been confined to certain limits. The work of fighting the flames was still being pursued with energy and in this respect the situation seemed to be improving. It was thought the fire would be under control tonight.

LESS THAN 100 DEAD

The statement is made that the total loss of life has not yet been ascertained. The first count gives the number of dead at less than one hundred, and the injured at several hundred. The hospitals are filled with injured and everything possible is being done for their comfort.

The principal hotel of Kingston (probably the Myrtle Bank hotel) and other important buildings have been destroyed, and other houses in Kingston sustained considerable damage.

The flames apparently were confined to the docks and warehouse district. If this is so, only a small part of the city has been burned over. No mention is made of a continuance of the earthquakes.

NO DAMAGE DONE HOLLAND BAY

NEW YORK, January 15.—The following cablegram was received at the office of the Hamburg-American line here today:

"Holland Bay, Jamaica, January 15, 5:30 p. m.—Slight earthquake here yesterday; no damage. Also no damage at Port Antonio or Titchfield hotel. Advise your papers."

Holland Bay, where is situated the cable hut from which the above cablegram was sent, is situated about forty miles east of Kingston. The Titchfield (Continued on Page Six)

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL TO PASS

House Committee Votes to Report Favorable on Measure of Representative Littauer.

SEVEN SUBSIDIZED MAIL LINERS ARE PROVIDED FOR

Fight on Bill Lasts All Day and Is Continued to Floor of the House—Bill Provides for Thirty-five Vessels.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—After a fight that lasted all day and extended to the floor of the house, threatening to bring much filibustering at one time, the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries finally decided at 6 p. m. by a vote of 8 to 7 to make a favorable report on the ship subsidy bill prepared by Representative Littauer of New York as a substitute for the Grosvenor bill, which has been under consideration many weeks.

For Seven Mail Lines

Seven subsidized mail lines are provided for with the annual subvention estimated at \$3,700,000. Two of the lines are to be from the Atlantic coast to South America, one from the Gulf of Mexico to Colon, Panama. From the Pacific coast there are to be three lines to the Orient and one line to the west coast of South America.

Only two changes were made in the bill as originally drafted by Representative Littauer. Instead of actually fixing San Francisco and Puget Sound as points of departure of the two lines to Japan, China and the Philippines, the committee amended Littauer's bill so that one line is to start from a point north of Cape Mendocino and the other from a point south of Cape Mendocino.

Do Not Like Senate Bill

At the morning session the senate ship subsidy bill which carries a tonnage subsidy and is said to be extremely distasteful to Speaker Cannon, was laid before the committee by Mr. Littauer and several Democrats voted for it. Republicans changed their vote in order to defeat it and get a compromise bill under consideration which it was thought would have a better chance with the Republican house leaders.

Filibustering Fails

The committee adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock and when an attempt was made to have the house adjourn at that time the Democrats began a filibuster in an attempt to keep the house in session, thus preventing the merchant marine and fisheries committee from meeting and reaching an agreement. Minority Leader Williams demanded a yeas and nays vote on the adjournment, but a quorum was not present and the house adjourned by a vote of 143 to 77.

Will Need Thirty-five Ships

The bill requires all ships to be of sixteen knots speed except those from the Gulf of Mexico, which must be fourteen knots. It requires that the ships must be built in America and owned by Americans and that they shall be available as auxiliary cruisers in time of war.

To meet the requirements of the bill about thirty-five ships would be required and most of them would have to be built. The annual cost to the government with all of the ships in operation on a two weeks' service basis is \$3,750,000. Prior to the completion of the ships four weeks' service will be provided. It would require several years to build the ships.

On the House Floor

The house of representatives spent almost the entire day considering the fortification appropriation bill and completed only six pages. Amendments looking to the defense of the mouth of Chesapeake bay and the purchase of additional ground for Fort Hamilton, N. Y., were voted down.

The house refused to incorporate an amendment increasing to the extent of one million dollars the appropriation for the construction of construction batteries in Hawaii and the Philippine islands.

Speaker Cannon announced the appointment of Representative Sherley of Kentucky to the place on the judiciary committee made vacant by the resignation of Representative Lytle.

KELVIN TO HAVE SMELTING WORKS

Three Companies Planning for Plants—Troy-Manhattan in Good Shape

By Associated Press.

MANILA, P. I., January 15.—The islands of Leyte and Samar were swept by a typhoon January 10. One hundred lives were lost on the island of Leyte. The barracks and officers' quarters on the east coast of Samar were destroyed. No estimate of the damage to property has yet been made. No damage to shipping is reported.

The storm was the worst that has occurred in ten years. Communication with Leyte and Samar have been cut off for six days, only meager particulars of the storm being received today.

there has been no serious interruption to ore shipments. The company has over a hundred men at work in the mines and on the roads and shipments to the Humboldt smelter amount to about a carload daily. The mine is being rapidly developed and Mr. Chapin is of the opinion that it will become in time one of the heaviest producers of copper in the southwest.

Asked concerning the current rumors of new smelters in that district, Mr. Chapin stated that it was generally understood that at least three companies are planning the erection of smelters between Dudleyville and Kelvin and that it was practically assured that there would be one erected at each of these points. It is also understood that the purchasers of the Haley property, the deal for which was recently consummated, would erect a smelting plant at Kelvin.

Messrs. Chapin and Kavanagh will return to Troy tomorrow morning.

Globe-Wheatfields Has Ore

The Globe-Wheatfields Mining company, which recently bonded mine claims for \$36,000, has attained quick results, a good sized vein of bonite ore having been discovered in one of the claims at a depth of only eleven feet in a prospect shaft. The shaft uncovered the vein was made last week preceding a heavy rain, which filled up the shaft and yesterday work was again resumed. Ore covers the entire bottom of the shaft and the width of the vein has not as yet been determined. Indications point to the development of a big mine on the property acquired by the company, which is one of the new ones in the Globe district.

INDICTMENT FOR FAIRBANKS' SON

Son of Vice President Swore Falsely as to Marriage in Ohio Town

By Associated Press.

STEEBENSVILLE, Ohio, January 15.—A sensation was created here today by the grand jury returning an indictment against F. C. Fairbanks, the son of Vice President Fairbanks, for perjury in swearing to his marriage with Miss Scott of Pittsburgh.

The charge is that Fairbanks went to Steebenville, disguised himself as a workman and said that he was a resident of Adams county and Miss Scott was a resident of this county. On this statement he secured a marriage license and was married, the couple immediately leaving town.

Denies Perjury

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, January 15.—F. C. Fairbanks said tonight: "I took no oath whatever in the probate court at Steebenville. I say this emphatically, as my memory in regard to this is distinct. I answered their question, but there was no affidavit and no oath administered."

ENTIRE NORTH IN ICY GRIP

Snow Blocks Railroads and Northwest Has No Relief in Sight at Present

By Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., January 15.—Unusually cold weather prevails throughout the northwest with no immediate relief in sight. Snow blocks the railroads and the temperature has fallen many degrees. It is reported at the Great Northern general offices that the mercury was thirty below zero this morning at 8 o'clock at Browning, Mont., and there is no point between Grand Forks, N. D., and Spokane, Wash., where the maximum temperature is above 18 degrees below. Great Northern employees are battling against snowdrifts which are twenty to thirty feet high.

On the lines where traffic is at all possible trains are run with three or four engines, preceded by rotary plows, but even then they have been delayed one to three days.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IN STORM

Typhoon Wrecks Coast of Philippine Islands of Samar and Leyte on the 10th

By Associated Press.

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SIX THOUSAND FOR ELECTION

New York Alderman Alleged to Have Been Bribed to Vote for Court Recorder

ARE CAUGHT IN ACT OF PAYING OVER COIN

District Attorney's Office Lays Claim to Uncovering of Plot by Which Aldermen Were to Have Gotten \$500 Each.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, January 15.—In the arrest of Alderman W. S. Clifford and David Mann, foreman of a stoneyard, on charges of bribery in connection with the election of a recorder of the general sessions court, the district attorney's office declares that a plot has been uncovered by which aldermen have been approached to sell their votes for recorder for \$500 each.

According to the district attorney's office, \$6,000 in marked bills was found on Mann, who is accused of being the go-between.

It is alleged that Clifford accepted a bribe of \$6,000 in return for which he was to deliver the votes of himself and ten other aldermen for Ex-Judge Rufus B. Cowing for recorder.

Caught in the Act

According to the district attorney's office Clifford met Mann today and took \$6,000 for payment to the alderman whom Clifford said had delivered the bargain votes. Detectives from the district attorney's office were witnesses, the say, and promptly arrested Clifford, who was later arraigned and held in \$10,000 bond for further examination.

At the aldermen's meeting today voting for the recorder resulted in a deadlock and Cowing's name was mentioned for the first time by Clifford. Unable to procure bail, Clifford was lodged in the police station tonight. In regard to his arrest he said: "I prepared this trap and tried to catch me."

LOWER RATES FOR CONSUMERS

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds that Is What They Are For

By Associated Press.

SPOKANE, Wash., January 15.—Spokane practically completed the presentation of its case before the interstate commerce commission today, opposing Spokane's plea for lower rates for inland points. One of the most interesting questions raised at the hearing today was as to who would derive the benefits from the lower rates, the jobbers of Spokane or the consumers.

Larue Perrin of the Spokane Dry Goods company, a wholesale concern, testified that it was the policy of the company when it was granted reduced rates to give the benefits immediately to the consumers.

Stephens, the attorney for Spokane, declared that the fight waged by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce was primarily for the consumers and only secondarily for the jobbers.

Commissioner Prouty said it was not worth while to pursue that line of inquiry as the commission has repeatedly held that the ultimate effort of reductions in freight rates was to give the benefit to the consumers, as competition brought this about even though the jobbers were disposed at first to take to themselves the profits attending rate reductions.

PREVENTED LYCHING: GETS SALARY RAISED

By Associated Press.

ATLANTA, Ga., January 15.—For the brave defense of a prisoner from lynching, which later caused his defeat at the polls, Ex-Sheriff Merrill, custodian of the federal prison here, has received an advance in salary of \$300 a year on the recommendation of President Roosevelt.

Relief for Sufferers

WASHINGTON, January 15.—Secretary Taft announced tonight that the Red Cross society would take immediate steps looking to the relief of the Kingston sufferers should the disaster prove sufficiently serious to require aid.

SAYS COUNTRY FACES "SLOW PARALYSIS"

By Associated Press.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., January 15.—"This country is facing in a commercial sense a disease one might call 'slow paralysis,'" declared J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, addressing the Northwestern Lumbermen's association today. "The rail-

roads today are blamed for everything, practically, that is wrong. "The remedy today is more trackage facilities and we cannot increase these facilities without more money. It is not more cars but more movement of cars already in use which will solve the car shortage problem."

COPPER LOWER IN LONDON; FIRM IN UNITED STATES

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, January 15.—Copper was lower in the London market, spot closing at £108 10s; futures at £108 17s 6d. Declines are supposed to be due to speculative realizing. Locally the market reflected the absence of important offerings and was unchanged. Lake was quoted at 24.50 to 25.00; electrolytic, 24.25 to 24.50; casting, 24.00 to 24.25.

Lead was unchanged in the local market and in London. Spelter was 2s 6d lower at £27 12s 6d in London.

Earthquake in Norway

By Associated Press.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, January 15.—A slight earthquake shock was felt today at Trondjem and throughout the northern Norway coast.

More Rain and Snow

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—Forecast for Arizona: Fair in south, rain in north portion Wednesday; Thursday fair.

DEADLOCK IN RHODE ISLAND

Legislature Tied Up in Senatorial Selection from the First Ballot

By Associated Press.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 15.—A deadlock resulted from the first ballot taken in the Rhode Island legislature for a choice of United States senator to succeed George Peabody Wetmore. Fifty-six votes are necessary for a choice. The total of votes cast in the two houses today follows: Colonel R. H. Goddard, Providence, 41; Colonel Samuel Colt, Bristol, 39; Senator George Peabody Wetmore, 31.

The house and senate meet in joint assembly tomorrow. Colonel Colt, like Senator Wetmore, is a Republican, while Colonel Goddard, an Independent, has been selected as the Democratic candidate.

Ohio River Up

By Associated Press.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, January 15.—The Ohio river continues to rise at the rate of two inches an hour and has passed the danger line of fifty feet.

MINE WORKERS IN CONVENTION

First Day's Session Is Devoted to the Rights of Delegates to Their Seats

By Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., January 15.—The eighteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America which opened here at 10 o'clock this morning, devoted the entire time in both morning and afternoon sessions to the right of delegates representing the unions that failed to pay the extra strike assessment of fifty cents a week and to the hearing of reports from the general officers of the organization.

The matter of seating the delegates in question was referred back to a committee, which did not render a decision.

It developed this afternoon that the national organization failed to replenish the "million dollar" defense fund by levying an assessment of fifty cents a week against each miner. The report of the credentials committee showed that a large percentage of members failed to comply with the order and a contest over the seating of the delegates began.

MEXICAN ENGINEERS WILL DEMAND RAISE

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Texas, January 15.—Three hundred locomotive engineers on the Mexican Central railroad and branches today decided to demand of the authorities an increase in wages sufficient to bring their pay to the standard of pay of engineers in the United States.

SENATOR DUBOIS' SUCCESSOR CHOSEN

By Associated Press.

BOISE, Idaho, January 15.—The Idaho legislature this afternoon elected William E. Borah United States senator to succeed Fred T. Dubois. He received fifty votes as against eighteen for Dubois, who had the endorsement from the Democratic state committee.

TILLMAN GETS AWFUL FLAYING

Spooner Administers One of the Most Stinging Rebukes Ever Heard in the Senate.

TAKEN TO TASK FOR JUSTIFYING LYCHING

South Carolina Senator Tries to Answer, but Is Squelched—Defends President in Dismissing Negro Troops.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—The feature of today's session of the senate was the constitutional argument by Senator Spooner of Wisconsin upholding the president's right to discharge the negro troops. His remarks were questioned by Tillman and the two engaged in a heated controversy. Spooner made a bitter attack on the South Carolina senator.

Tillman was not permitted to reply at length, but at the conclusion of Spooner's speech he declared that at an early date he would take occasion to defend himself against the "insulting allusions made to him."

"I never heard until yesterday," said Spooner, "that the president had not the power of sending forces where he chose. I never heard that it was not a part of the power of the commander in chief until it was proclaimed yesterday by the senator from Georgia" (Bacon).

Tillman's Mania

Mr. Spooner explained the failure to turn over to the Texas civil authorities the perpetrators of the Brownsville crime by saying that it has been impossible to identify them.

Spooner said in the debate with Tillman: "The president will never require any defense from attacks from the senator from South Carolina. He has developed a mania for attacking the president. I have never been so surprised by any man's attitude as that of the senator from South Carolina. He is so filled with animosity for the president that I do not believe his attacks will be taken seriously."

Pitchfork Is Squelched

Tillman attempted a reply, but Spooner declined to yield. He criticized Tillman for the harsh words he had hurled at the president in untempered speeches. He condemned Tillman for impeaching the motive of the president and ridiculed Tillman's claim that he stood for the fundamental principle of liberty.

"Quote me accurately," shouted Tillman.

"You quote yourself," replied Senator Spooner.

The South Carolina senator took his seat and was then subjected to one of the most direct and most stinging indictments ever delivered by a senator against a colleague. Mr. Spooner quoted from Tillman's utterances defending the burning of a negro at the stake and said: "No man ought to encourage such a horrible thing as that. It is a crime against civilization to encourage it."

South Carolinian Flayed

"I have often been shocked by the attitude of the senator from South Carolina when he has spoken here in justification and support of lynching. Any man who encourages lynching, murder or lawlessness will have much to answer for, and the higher his position the mightier his influence and the more he will have to answer for. No man can come here with a good grace to impeach one for his dismissal of men because they were not identified as criminals who comes to that accusation from a lynching bee or justifies one."

Spooner declared his belief that a majority of the people of the south did not entertain the radical views expressed by Tillman. He admitted the difficulties of the problem in the south and said the people of the north felt the best way to aid the solution was to refrain from discussing it.

Tillman said he would reply soon.

Brownville Action Delayed

The bitter feeling provoked by today's controversy between Senators Spooner and Tillman makes it impossible to say when a vote can be had on the Brownville resolution. It is said that the debate will be extended.

While the senate was in executive session the nominations of George B. Cortelyou and James R. Garfield were confirmed. The nomination of George Von L. Meyer as postmaster general was also confirmed, as was that of Herbert Knox Smith as commissioner of corporations. None of the nominations except Smith's will take effect until March 4.

CHAMBERLAIN AGAIN INAUGURATED GOVERNOR

By Associated Press.

SALEM, Ore., January 15.—George E. Chamberlain for the second time was today inducted into the office of governor. Following the ceremony late this afternoon he delivered his message to the legislature.

Waters Receding

By Associated Press.

PITTSBURGH, January 15.—After reaching a stage of twenty-two feet, the waters in the river are gradually receding tonight and all danger of a serious flood has passed for the present.